

REMARKS


Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claim 20, and the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-7, 9-14 and 17-19, as set forth at page 4 of the Office Action. In particular, the latter claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the foregoing amendment, rejected claims 1, 8 and 15 have been canceled, and claim 16 has been amended to contain a limitation based on the limitations set forth in allowable claim 2. Moreover, claims 6, 9, 17 and 18 have been amended to place them in independent form, with minor formatting and syntactical revisions. In addition, the language referred to in the rejection of claims 1 and 8 on formal grounds has been corrected in rewriting claims 6, 9, 17 and 18 in independent form. Accordingly, all claims which are made of record in this application are now believed to be allowable.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.52942US).

Respectfully submitted,

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